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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADDA

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Hatch Act Legislation

Concurrence was given Friday, 6 May on subject legislation to OMB. As you know, Department of Justice, CIA, and IRS originally were exempt. This is not the case now. Based on informal discussions with OLC, they seem to feel the attached statement was the best exception that CIA would be able to get. It is interesting to note that the Civil Service Commission shall merely consult with the DCI regarding positions which would remain "Hatched".

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Attachment

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The Office of Legislative Counsel has been requested by the Office of Management and Budget to supply, by COB today, language to be included in the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee report on H.R. 10. This bill was recently reported favorably by the Committee and it would exempt most Federal employees from continued Hatch Act coverage under regulations to be promulgated by the Civil Service Commission. However, certain Federal employees would remain "Hatched." It is regarding this particular provision of the bill that we have been requested to supply report language that would clarify those "employees in foreign intelligence or national security activities."

Your concurrence is requested as to the transmission of the following language.

"It is intended that the Civil Service Commission, in carrying out its duties under this Act in relation to those activities covered by this subsection, shall consult with the Director of Central Intelligence and the heads of the component organizations of the Intelligence Community. Positions covered by this subsection include but are not necessarily limited to those involving the collection, analysis, production or dissemination of foreign intelligence and STATINTE positions in support of these activities."

Office of Legislative Counsel